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relates to the British fleet, their officers and crews,  
many will be glad to obtain some account of the  
commanders to whom the ships that bear the proud  
flag of Queen Victoria have been entrusted. A  
few days since we copied from an English paper  
a portrait of Sir Charles Napier. The London  
press now supplies the following notices of thirteen  
captains in the Baltic fleet.

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Amphion, 34 guns.—Capt. Asley Cooper Key,  
in command of the Fanny tender, was wounded at  
the battle of the Parana in 1845, when the bat-  
tles of General Rosas were destroyed by the com-  
bined English and French fleets. On the coast of  
Portugal he has since commanded the Bull Dog  
steamer. Capt. Key entered the navy in 1833.

Tribune, 30 guns.—Capt. Hon. S. T. Carnegie.  
This gallant officer is son of the late Earl of  
Northesk, who had the honor of being third in  
command at the battle of Trafalgar. He served  
with Lord John Hay on the coast of Spain during  
the civil war, and had his services acknowledged  
by the order of St. Fernando. He has commanded  
several vessels on the North American, West  
Indian, and Mediterranean stations. He sat for a  
short time as M. P. for Stafford, and was for some  
months a Lord of the Treasury in 1846. He  
entered the navy in 1826. His brother George,  
Lord Roselilly, was lost in his sixteenth year on  
board the Birmingham, 74, in 1827, and it is worthy  
of notice that his uncle, Capt. Key, was drowned  
by the upsetting of his barge while in command  
of the Magnificent, 74 guns, in 1805. The  
present Earl of Northesk is his brother. In con-  
sequence of the services of the late Lord at Tra-  
falgar, this family has obtained honorable augmen-  
tation to its arms. Naval ensigns are added to its  
supporters, and the word "Trafalgar" is inscribed  
on the armorial shield. The late Admiral Lord  
Vernon, who carried a niece of Admiral Lord  
Vernon, so that the commander of the Tribune  
rejoices in a high naval pedigree.

Valorous, 16 guns.—Capt. Bockle is second son  
of Admiral Bockle, a lineal descendant of Sir  
Christopher Bockle, Lord Mayor of London in  
1583. The father and grandfather of this gallant  
officer were highly distinguished in nautical  
warfare. He has served on the South American  
and West Indian and African Stations.

Vulture, 8 guns.—Capt. Glascock entered the  
navy in 1818. His father, 2nd Viscount of  
the Duke of Cambridge, he has served on the  
Home, Lisbon and African stations, and also in  
the East Indies. He was awarded a post com-  
mission in 1846.

A SCENE FROM REAL LIFE.—We saw last evening  
an illustration of the affection of woman.  
A poor incubated wretch had been taken to the  
calaboose. His conduct in the street, and after he  
was placed in the cell, was of such a violent character  
that it became necessary to handcuff him. The de-  
mon had possession of his soul, and he gave  
utterance to his ravings as profane as to shock  
the senses of his fellow-prisoners, one of whom  
was the same cell, at his own solicitation, was placed  
in a separate apartment. A woman appeared at  
the grate, and in her hands she held a rude tray,  
upon which were placed some slices of bread, fresh  
from the earth-stone, and other little delicacies  
for her erring husband. She stood at the grate  
intently into the thick gloom, where her un-  
wieldy companion wildly raved. Her voice was low  
and soft, and as she called his name, its utterance  
was plaintive as the melody of a fond and crushed  
spirit.

The tears streamed from her eyes, and there,  
in the dark prison-house, the abode of the most  
wretched and depraved, the tones of her voice  
found their way into that wicked man's heart, and  
he knelt in sorrow and in silence before his young  
and injured wife, while his heart found relief  
in tears such only as a man can weep. Though the  
iron wall bound his wrists, he placed his hands, with  
their heavy iron of degradation, confidently and  
affectionately upon the brow of his wife, and com-  
plained, "Kiss me, I will be a better man."  
There upon a rude seat she had spread the humble  
mattress which she had prepared with her own hands,  
and after he had finished a slice of bread, and  
drunk from the earth-stone, and other little delicacies  
for her erring husband. She stood at the grate  
intently into the thick gloom, where her un-  
wieldy companion wildly raved. Her voice was low  
and soft, and as she called his name, its utterance  
was plaintive as